

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* On Friday, February 8, 2013, Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 113th Congress.

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*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 113th Congress.

Also, on Tuesday, February 26, 2013, Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee.

**MEDICARE**

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine strengthening Medicare for today and the future, after receiving testimony from Juliette Cubanski, The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, and David Blumenthal, The Commonwealth Fund, both of Washington, DC; David C. Goodman, Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice, Lebanon, New Hampshire; and Kenneth E. Thorpe, Emory University, Marietta, Georgia.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 33 public bills, H.R. 845–877; 1 private bill, H.R. 878; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 86–88 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Ros-Lehtinen to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:19 p.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Ronald Derrick, American Legion National Chaplain, Rigby, Idaho.

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**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 293 yeas to 119 nays with 1 answering "present", Roll No. 53.

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**Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013—Rule for Consideration:** The House agreed to H. Res. 83, the rule that is providing for consideration of S. 47, to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, by a yea-and-nay vote of 414 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 52, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 51.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:28 p.m. and reconvened at 3:14 p.m.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, February 28th.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H697.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear

on pages H683, H683–84 and H684. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

### *Committee Meetings*

#### **APPROPRIATIONS—LIBRARY OF CONGRESS FY 2014 BUDGET**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on the Library of Congress FY 2014 Budget. Testimony was heard from James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress.

#### **APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION BUDGET**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Resources for Risk-Based Security, Transportation Security Administration Budget. Testimony was heard from John Pistole, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration.

#### **APPROPRIATIONS—ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Oversight of the United States Army Corps of Engineers. Testimony was heard from Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary, Army for Civil Works; and Lt. General Thomas P. Bostick, Chief of Engineers.

#### **APPROPRIATIONS—INDIAN EDUCATION**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Indian Education. Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; George A. Scott, Director, Education,

Workforce and Income Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

#### **APPROPRIATIONS—CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE FY 2014 BUDGET**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on Congressional Budget Office FY 2014 Budget. Testimony was heard from Doug Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

#### **TRANSITION IN AFGHANISTAN**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing on the transition in Afghanistan: Views of Outside Experts. Testimony was heard from Catherine Dale, Specialist in International Security, Congressional Research Service; and public witnesses.

#### **IMPACT TO MILITARY END STRENGTH IN A BUDGET CONSTRAINED ENVIRONMENT**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on the impact to military end strength in a budget constrained environment. Testimony was heard from Jessica L. Wright, Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense; Lieutenant General Howard B. Bromberg, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff G-1, U.S. Army; Vice Admiral Scott R. Van Buskirk, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Manpower, Personnel, Training, and Education, U.S. Navy; Lieutenant General Robert E. Milstead, Jr., USMC, Deputy Commandant, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, U.S. Marine Corps; and Lieutenant General Darrell D. Jones, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services, U.S. Air Force.

#### **THE ROLE OF INTELLIGENCE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on the role of intelligence in the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from Michael G. Vickers, Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence, Department of Defense; and Lieutenant General Michael T. Flynn, USA, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency.

#### **PROTECTING STUDENTS AND TEACHERS: A DISCUSSION ON SCHOOL SAFETY**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Protecting Students and Teachers: A Discussion on School Safety". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **BROADBAND STIMULUS**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing en-

titled "Is the Broadband Stimulus Working?". Testimony was heard from Lawrence E. Strickling, Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information and Administration, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce; John Padalino, Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture; Ann Eilers, Principal Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation, Office of Inspector General, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

#### **FOSTERING INNOVATION TO FIGHT WASTE, FRAUD AND ABUSE IN HEALTH CARE**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Fostering Innovation to Fight Waste, Fraud and Abuse in Health Care". Testimony was heard from Peter Budetti, Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Program Integrity, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; Kathleen M. King, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Carolyn L. Yocom, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

#### **MONETARY POLICY AND THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy". Testimony was heard from Ben Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

#### **ANTI-SEMITISM: A GROWING THREAT TO ALL FAITHS**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a joint hearing entitled "Anti-Semitism: A Growing Threat to All Faiths". Testimony was heard from Katrina Lantos Swett, Commission on International Religious Freedom; and public witnesses.

#### **ISLAMIST MILITANT THREATS TO EURASIA**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia and Emerging Threats; and Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade held a joint hearing entitled "Islamist Militant Threats to Eurasia". Testimony was heard from Robert O. Blake, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, Department of State; Stephen J. Blank, Ph.D., Research Professor of National Security Affairs, U.S. Army War College; and public witnesses.

## **WAR ON TERROR: WHEN CAN THE U.S. TARGET ALLEGED AMERICAN TERRORISTS OVERSEAS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Drones and the War On Terror: When Can the U.S. Target Alleged American Terrorists Overseas?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## **HOW E-VERIFY WORKS AND HOW IT BENEFITS AMERICAN EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Protection held a hearing entitled “How E-Verify Works and How it Benefits American Employers and Workers”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## **TIME TO REFORM INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACQUISITION: THE FEDERAL IT ACQUISITION REFORM ACT**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Time to Reform Information Technology Acquisition: The Federal IT Acquisition Reform Act”. Testimony was heard from Richard Spires, Chief Information Officer, Department of Homeland Security; Cristina Chaplain, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

## **REDUCING FEDERAL TRAVEL AND CONFERENCE SPENDING**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and the Census held a hearing entitled “The Road Less Traveled: Reducing Federal Travel and Conference Spending”. Testimony was heard from Representative Rush Holt; Danny Werfel, Controller, Office of Management and Budget; and Cynthia Metzler, Chief Administrative Officer, General Services Administration.

## **FAILURES IN MANAGING FEDERAL REAL PROPERTY: BILLIONS IN LOSSES**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “Failures in Managing Federal Real Property: Billions in Losses”. Testimony was heard from David Wise, Director, Physical Infrastructure Team, Government Accountability Office; Dorothy Robyn, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration; and a public witness.

## **SPACE LEADERSHIP PRESERVATION ACT**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Space held a hearing entitled “A Re-

view of The Space Leadership Preservation Act”. Testimony was heard from Representative Frank R. Wolf; Representative John Culberson; and public witnesses.

## **BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES**

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a meeting on Committee’s Views and Estimates on the Small Business Administration FY 2014 Budget. The Budget Views and Estimates of the Committee were approved.

## **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FAA REAUTHORIZATION AND REFORM ACT: ONE YEAR LATER**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing entitled “Implementation of the FAA Reauthorization and Reform Act: One Year Later”. Testimony was heard from Michael Huerta, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration.

## **ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS**

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Electronic Health Record U-turn: Are VA and DoD Headed in the Wrong Direction?”. Testimony was heard from Roger W. Baker, Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology and Chief Information Office, Department of Veterans Affairs; Jonathan A. Woodson, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs Director, TRICARE Management Activity, Department of Defense;

Valerie C. Melvin, Director, Information Management and Technology Resources Issues, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

## **INCREASING ADOPTIONS FROM FOSTER CARE**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing entitled “Increasing Adoptions from Foster Care”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## ***Joint Meetings***

No joint committee meetings were held.

## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2013**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### **Senate**

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the U.S. Central Command and U.S. Special Operations Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense